

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A speech converting device comprising:

speech inputting means of inputting speech of one sentence including plural words of a first language;

speech recognizing means of recognizing said input speech;

first extracting/displaying means of extracting and displaying examples which are one or plural word strings of said first language, said word-stringexamples corresponding to a result of said speech recognition and based on a correspondence between said examples and a second language;

conversion object selecting means of, from said displayed word-stringexamples, selecting an-exampleone of said examples which is expected to become an object of conversion to a said second language;

screen display specifying means of specifying at least a part of said selected example by manually highlighting said at least said part of said selected example;

second extracting/displaying means of, when said at least said part of said selected example is specified, extracting and displaying candidates of a class from a database free of a speech input which corresponds to contents of said specified at least said part of said selected example;

candidate selecting means of selecting words of the same class out of said displayed candidates; and

converting means of determining said object of conversion to said second language on the basis of said selected example and said selected words of the same class, and of converting said determined conversion object to a speech language of said second language.

2. (Currently Amended) A speech converting device according to claim 1, wherein said first extracting/displaying means ~~has includes~~ a displaying section comprising a display screen which displays said ~~plural word strings~~ examples that are objects of said selection by said conversion object selecting means, and said selected ~~word example~~ in respective predetermined regions, and

said second extracting/displaying means overlappingly displays said candidates of said class in a partial region of said display screen in a window form.

3. (Currently Amended) A speech converting device according to claim 2, wherein, when said selected example is displayed on said display screen, said first extracting/displaying means additionally displays information indicating that the candidates of the corresponding class can be displayed, with respect to ~~a part of said~~ said at least said part of said example.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A speech converting device according to claim 1, wherein said converting means determines a result in which said specified at least said part of said example is replaced with ~~a~~ at least one of said selected words of the same class of said selected candidate, as said conversion object.

6. (Currently Amended) A speech converting method comprising:

a speech inputting step of inputting speech of one sentence including plural words of a first language;

a speech recognizing step of recognizing said input speech;

a first extracting/displaying step of extracting and displaying examples which are one or plural word strings of said first language, said ~~word string examples~~ corresponding to a result of said speech recognition and based on a correspondence between said examples and a second language;

a conversion object selecting step of, from said displayed ~~word string examples~~, selecting ~~an example~~ one of said examples which is expected to become an object of conversion to ~~a~~ said second language;

a specifying step of specifying at least a part of said selected example by manually highlighting said at least said part of said selected example;

a second extracting/displaying step of, when said at least said part of said selected example is specified, extracting and displaying candidates of a class from a database free of a speech input which corresponds to contents of said specified at least said a part of said selected example;

a candidate selecting step of selecting words of the same class out of said displayed candidates; and

a converting step of determining said object of conversion to said second language on the basis of said selected example and said selected words of the same class, and of converting said determined conversion object to a speech language of said second language.

7. (Currently Amended) A program embodied on a computer readable medium for causing a computer to function as a whole or a part of said speech recognizing means, said first extracting/displaying means, said conversion object selecting means, said screen display specifying means, said second extracting/displaying means, said candidate selecting means, and said converting means of said speech converting device according to any one of claims 1 to 3 or 5.

8. (Currently Amended) A program embodied on a computer readable medium for causing a computer to function as a whole or a part of said speech recognizing step, said first extracting/displaying step, said conversion object selecting step, said specifying step, said second extracting/displaying step, said candidate selecting step, and said converting step of said speech converting method according to claim 6.

9. - 10. (Cancelled)